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## PAPERS

RELATING TO THE COMPANIES OF

### CAPTAIN THOMAS FARRINGTON AND CAPTAIN SAMUEL TARBELL,

BOTH RAISED IN GROTON, MASSACHUSETTS, DURING  
THE FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR.

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AT a meeting of the MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY, held May 14, 1891, Dr. SAMUEL A. GREEN made the following remarks: —

At the last May meeting I communicated some papers relating to Capt. Thomas Lawrence's company, raised in Groton for the campaign of 1758 during the French and Indian War, which were published in the Proceedings. As supplementary to those papers, I wish now to present "A Return of Men Inlisted for his Majesty's Service for the Total Reduction of Canada 1760." The men were enlisted by Capt. Thomas Farrington, who raised a company in Groton and neighborhood, which served during the campaign of 1760. His command is referred to in Sergeant David Holden's Journal, printed in the Proceedings for June, 1889. In the copy herewith given I have omitted some of the headings: such as "When Inlisted," "By whome," and "What Regiment." With the exception of James Frye and Philip Barker, both of Andover, who joined a company in Colonel Osgood's command, they were all enlisted in the regiment of Col. William Lawrence, of Groton. The date of enlistment extended over a period from February 14 to April 9, 1760. "Barzzealer" [Barzillai] Lew, son of Primus, was a negro, and belonged to a well-known colored family of that day, somewhat noted for their musical attainments. In early times the sturdy yeomanry of Massachusetts often stood in the ranks shoulder to shoulder with the black soldier; and it was never thought that this juxtaposition lowered their dignity nor did

it create a ripple in the mind of any man. It will be noticed that, in the case of minors, the names of parents or guardians are also given. The surnames Kemp and Kendall are written "Kimp" and "Kindall," showing how the words were then generally pronounced.

The "Return" is found on two separate sheets, and the indorsement on each sheet by the mustering-officers is also given.

*A Return of Men Indlisted for his Majesty's Service for the Totall Reduction of Cannada 1760.*

Men's Names	Where born	Where Resedant	Age	Names of Fathers of son under age and Masters of Servants
Silons Kimp	Groton	Groton	18	Hezekiah Kimp
Sampson Blood	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	27	
Abijah Parker	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	17	the Scelectmen
Lenuel Ames	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	17	William Lawrance
Zachreah Parker	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	21	
John Gragg	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	19	Jacob Gragg
Aaron Blood	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	21	
Joseph Page	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	20	Joseph Page
John Boyden	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	25	
Stephen Pirce	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	21	
James Fisk	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	22	
Joseph Gillson	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	21	
William Parker	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	19	William Parker
Nathaniel Green	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	18	William Green
Hezekiah Kimp	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	22	
Robert Blood	Pepperall	Pepperall	25	
John Trowbridge	Groton	Groton	21	
John Erwin Ju <sup>r</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	21	
John Erwin	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	42	
Andrew McFarland	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	18	Margrat McFarland
Abel Kimp	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	17	Hezekiah Kimp
Oliver Hartwill	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	20	Scelectmen
Jon <sup>s</sup> Boyden	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	17	Josiah Boyden
Josiah Blood	D <sup>o</sup>	Pepperall	18	John Shattuck
Abijah Warren	Weston	Groton	22	
William Hubart	D <sup>o</sup>	Pepperall	18	Shel <sup>d</sup> Hubart
Ebenez <sup>r</sup> Nutting	Groton	Groton	17	Thor Farrington
James Frye	Andover	Andover	20	Col James Frye
Philip Barker	Dover	D <sup>o</sup>	19	Isaac Blunt
Isaac Nutting	Groton	Groton	21	
William Lasley	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	18	Robert Parker
Jonathan Holden	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	24	
Ruben Woods	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	18	Ruben Woods

MIDDLESSEX s<sup>s</sup> March 6<sup>th</sup> 1760 I Certifye that Twenty one of the first within Named on the other Side of this with Roll was Mustred by me this Day and that they ware Inlisted at the Time Set against Each of there Names and that ware Duley attested before me

¶ WILLIAM LAWRANCE } *Col<sup>o</sup> & Commissary of Musters*  
{ *and Justice of the Peace*

MIDDLESEX s<sup>s</sup> March 10<sup>th</sup> 1760 I Certifye that Oliver Hartwill Jonathan Boyden Josiah Blood Named on the other Side of the within Roll was Mustred by me this Tenth Day of March and Abijah Warren within Named was Mustred on March the Ninth and they ware all Inlisted at the Time Set against Each of thiere Names and was attested by James Prescott Esq<sup>r</sup>.

¶ JOHN BELKLEY *L<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>o</sup> & Commissary of Musters*

MIDDLESSEX s<sup>s</sup> April 9<sup>th</sup> 1760 I Certifye that William Hubart Named on the other Side of this within Roll was Mustred by me on the fifth Day of April and Ebenezer Nutting Named on this Roll was Mustred by me on April the Ninth and they ware Inlisted at the Time Set against Each of their Name on the with Roll and that they ware Duley attested before me

¶ WILLIAM LAWRANCE } *Col<sup>o</sup> & Commissary of Musters*  
{ *and Justice of the Peace*

ESSEX s<sup>s</sup> Andover March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1760 I Certifye that James Frye and Philip Barker Named on the other Side of this within Roll was Mustred by me this Day and that they ware Inlisted at the Time Set agianst Each of thire Names and was Duley attested be John Osgood Esq<sup>r</sup> and Sam<sup>l</sup> Philips Esq<sup>r</sup>.

¶ JOHN OSGOOD *Col<sup>o</sup> and Commiserey of Musters*

MIDDLESSEX s<sup>s</sup> March 25<sup>th</sup> 1760 I Certifye that Isaac Nutting William Lasley Jonathan Holden and Ruben Woods Named on the other Side of this within Roll was Mustered by me this Day and that they ware Inlisted at the Time Set against Each of there Names and that they all Duley attested before James Prescott Esq<sup>r</sup>.

JOHN BULKLEY *L<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>o</sup> & Commissary of Musters*

*A Return of Men Inlisted for his Majesty's Service for the Total  
Reduction of Canada 1760*

Men's Names	Where born	Where Resident	Age	Names of Fathers of son under age and Masters of Servants
William Brown	Ireland	Stow	31	
Obidiah Perry	Weston	Groton	35	
Josiah Stevens	Townshend	D <sup>o</sup>	18	Martha Stevens
David Sartill	Groton	D <sup>o</sup>	33	
Moses Keazer	Haverall	Groton	45	
John Archerbill	Groton	D <sup>o</sup>	18	John Archerble
William Pirce	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	17	Elijah Rockwood
Joseph Parker	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	16	Ephream Ware
Jonas Nutting	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	16	Scelectmen
Joshua Pirce	Weston	D <sup>o</sup>	18	Jonas Stone
Benj <sup>s</sup> Willson	Groton	Townshend	19	Benj <sup>s</sup> Willson
Nathan Harrington	Lexenton	Shirley	19	Richard Harrington
John Farnsworth	N <sup>o</sup> 4	Groton	18	David Farnsworth
William Farwill	Groton	D <sup>o</sup>	17	Olewer Farwill
Richard Sartill	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	22	
William Stevens	Stow	Stow	29	
Jabez Kindall	Groton	Pepperall	18	Jabez Kindel
Ephream Kimp	D <sup>o</sup>	Groton	18	Sam <sup>l</sup> Kimp
Ebn <sup>t</sup> Woods	D <sup>o</sup>	Pepprall	31	
Josiah Fish	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	26	
Oliver Shead	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	21	
William Shead	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	22	
William Farnsworth	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	22	
Jonathan Williames	Peprall	D <sup>o</sup>	22	
Lenuel Patt	Townshend	D <sup>o</sup>	18	John Patt
John Avery	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	17	Edmand Baneroft
Barzcaler Lew	Groton	D <sup>o</sup>	18	Primous Lew
Oliver Elliott	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	24	
Henry Willord	Lancaster	D <sup>o</sup>	30	
Solomon Parker	Suresbury	Groton	17	Simon Parker
Peter Gillson	Groton	D <sup>o</sup>	27	
Abner Turner	Lancaster	D <sup>o</sup>	16	Eliab Turner
James Lasley	Groton	Pepperall	25	
Benj <sup>s</sup> Rolf	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	18	Benj <sup>s</sup> Rolf
Stephen Gates	Canterbuary	Litleton	17	Stephen Gates

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MIDDLESX S<sup>r</sup> March 10<sup>th</sup> 1760 I Certifye that the Sixteen first Born on the other Side of this within Roll was Mustered by me this Day and that they were Inlisted at the Time Set against Each of there Names and that they were Duly attested before James Prescott Esq<sup>r</sup>

J<sup>n</sup> JOHN BULKLEY Lt Col & Commissary of Musters

MIDDLESEX s<sup>s</sup> March 15<sup>th</sup> 1760 I Certifye that William Stevens Jabez Kindel and Ephream Kimp Named on the other Side of this Roll was Mustered by me this Day and that they ware Inlisted at the Time Set against Each of Names, and that they ware Duley attested before James Prescott Esq<sup>r</sup>

¶ JOHN BULKLEY L<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>l</sup> and Commissary of Musters

MIDDLESEX s<sup>s</sup> March 10<sup>th</sup> 1760 I Certifye that Eben<sup>r</sup> Woods Josiah Fish Oliver Shead William Shead William Farnsworth Jonathan Williams Lemuel Patt John Avery Barzzela Lew Named on the other Side of this Roll was Mustred by me this Tenth Day of March and Oliver Elliott was Mustred on the Eighteenth Day of Said March and Henery Willord was Mustred on March 29<sup>th</sup> they all are Born on the other Side of this Roll and was Inlisted at the Time Set against Each of there Names and that ware attested by James Prescott Esq<sup>r</sup>

¶ JOHN BULKLEY L<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>l</sup> and Commissary of Musters

MIDDLESEX s<sup>s</sup> April 10<sup>th</sup> [1760] I Certifye that Solomon Parker Named on the other Side of this within Roll was Mustred on April the Ninth and Peter Gillson and Abner Turner was Mustred on the Tenth Instant they are all borne on the other Side of this within Roll and was Inlisted at the Time Set aganst Each of there Names in Said Roll as have been Duley attested

¶ WILLIAM LAWRENCE } Col<sup>l</sup> & Commiseray of Mustrs  
{ and Justice of Peace

MIDDESSEX ss March 6<sup>th</sup> 1760 I Certifye that Benj<sup>r</sup>. Rolf and James Lasley Named on the other Side of this within Roll was Mustered by Me this Day and that they ware Inlisted at the Time Set against Each of their Names on the Roll afore Said and has been Duley attested

WILLIAM LAWRENCE } Col. & Commissary of Muster  
{ and Justice of the Peace

I wish also to present a "List" of men that were ordered out in July, 1748, under the command of Capt. Samuel Tarbell, to scout for Indians in the neighborhood of Groton. At that time there was an alarm among the inhabitants of the town, caused by the appearance of the Indians at Lunenburg, and another Groton company also went out for the same purpose under Capt. Thomas Tarbell, a brother of Samuel; but they did not find the enemy. For a list of Thomas's company, see "Groton during the Indian Wars" (pages 154, 155).

*A List of The Names of the men that were ordered oute on a Scoute after the Enemy with me the Subscriber, by Major Lawrence — on y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> Day of July last Round Part of Townshend and Lunenburg — &c*

Jonathan Bancroft	3 days	Jonathan Crese	2 days
Jonathan Farewell	3 days	Eleazer Tarbell	3 days
Nathan fish	3 days	Nathanil Smith	3 days
Ebenezer Sprague	3 days	Hezekiah Patterson	3 days
Caleb Holdin	3 days	Benjamin Davis	2 days
Amos Holdin	3 days	Samuel Nickols	2 days
Jacob Ames	2 days	Jonathan Sawtell	3 days
Jonathan Nutting	3 days	Oliver Farnsworth	3 days
Jonathan Page Jun <sup>r</sup>	3 days	Moses Wentworth	3 days
Jonathan Bennet	3 days	John Sawtell	3 days
Aaron Farnsworth	3 days	Scripture frost	2 days
Thomas Laughton	2 days	Jonathan Smith	3 days
Elisha Rockwood	2 days	Simeon Green	3 days
Joshua Tod	2 days	Zechariah Longley	3 days

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SAM <sup>l</sup> TARBELL <i>Capt</i>	<u>3</u>
@ 2 <sup>d</sup> 7 <sup>d</sup> day 7: 18.0	<u>79 days</u>
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MIDD<sup>s</sup> ss December 19<sup>th</sup> 1748  
then the above named Cap<sup>t</sup> Samuel Tarbell appeared and made oth that the above is a Just and true List of the men and time as above mentioned before me  
WILLIAM LAWRENCE *Justice of Peace*

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Cap <sup>t</sup> Tarbell 3 days	9 6
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Eleazer Tarbell & James Shattuck omitted in a former Roll	Each 17/6
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Alow'd by the Comd<sup>r</sup> J OSBORNE      7<sup>d</sup> J CHANDLER

this may Certifie whome it may Consarn that whareas the Inden Enemy in July Last Came to Lunenburg in the County of Worcester and the People there and in the neighbouring towus being there by Putt in to



Grate Destress they haueing haueing [*sic*] but a fue soulders and maney of the Inhabitance Dayly Drawing of & as Co<sup>ll</sup> Willard had Left this affair of my town with me I ordered the Capt within mentioned and men to Purform a scoute as within mentioned

WILLIAM LAWRENCE

GROTON December 19<sup>th</sup> 1748:

[Indorsed "Cap<sup>t</sup> Tarbell Scout July 1748  
Warr<sup>t</sup> advis'd Jan<sup>y</sup> 3. 1748 "]

During this alarm the Indians made an attack on the house of John Fitch, then situated in that part of Lunenburg afterward called Fitchburg, but by a later act of incorporation included within the limits of Ashby, when they burned his dwelling, and carried him and his family into captivity, where they remained one year. Mr. Fitch was a resident of Fitchburg when it was incorporated, and the new town took its name from him. In Torrey's History of Fitchburg (page 46), the date of the assault is given wrong, as is shown by the following extract from "The Boston Weekly News-Letter," July 14, 1748: —

Last Tuesday was sev'night [July 5] about 30 or 40 of the Enemy, came upon a garrison'd House at the Out-skirts of Lunenburgh, and two Soldiers posted there were both kill'd near the Garrison, one being knock'd on the Head, the other shot thro' the Body, as he was endeavouring to escape. The Master of the House, Mr. John Fitch, 'tis tho't was siez'd by them in the Field, as he was spreading Hay, and his Wife as she was bringing Water from a Spring, about 20 Rods Distance, a Pail and her Bonnet being found near the Path: The House they set on Fire and burnt it to the Ground, and the Body of of [*sic*] one of the slain Soldiers lay so near thereto, that the Head was burnt from the Shoulders. The neighbouring Towns being soon alarm'd, above 40 Men muster'd and got upon the Spot before Sundown, but the Enemy had withdrawn; however they kept a strict Watch and Guard all Night, and just about the Dawn of the next Day they heard a Noise among the Bushes, which they suppos'd to be some of the Enemy that were left as Spies, who perceiving the Number that came against them, skulk'd away without being discover'd: Mr. Fitch, his Wife and 5 Children being missing, 'tis concluded they were taken Prisoners by the Enemy. The Bodies of the two Soldiers were found and buried.

Last Thursday a Man at Lunenbourg, was way-laid and shot at by some Indians, as was also another at Township No. 2 [Westminster], but both happily escap'd.

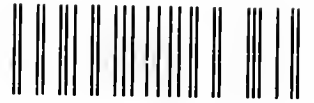
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